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\$250,000 Available for Environmental Justice Programs

Cal/EPA Accepting Applications for EJ Community Grants

SACRAMENTO – Cal/EPA is now accepting applications for a second round of funding under the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. At least \$250,000 will be available during this additional grant cycle, with each project qualifying for a maximum of \$20,000.

"Every resident deserves to be treated fairly when it comes to the protection of their health and environment," said Linda Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection. "An effective way to work towards this goal is through community-based programs that utilize innovative ideas and approaches."

The Cal/EPA EJ Small Grants Program was established under Assembly Bill 2312 (Statutes of 2002, Chapter 994) by Assemblywoman Chu to provide grants to eligible community-based grassroots non-profit organizations and federally recognized Tribal governments that are located in areas adversely affected by environmental pollution and hazards and are involved in addressing environmental justice concerns.

Projects that address the following goals will be considered:

- Provide technical assistance to communities regarding goods movement activities
- Educate communities about fish contamination and water quality
- Enhance meaningful public participation in the environmental decision-making process
- Collaborate with academia and/or other government agencies to document data related to exposure and health complaints
- Educate communities regarding climate change
- Continue and/or expand previous successful projects

Grants under this program will be awarded on a competitive basis. Applications to the program must be submitted and received by May 16, 2007. Cal/EPA plans to announce the grant awards in July 2007.

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For more information and to obtain an application package, please visit the Cal/EPA Environmental Justice website at: www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice

Applications can also be requested by writing to:

Office of the Secretary
Cal/EPA EJ Small Grants Program
1001 "I" Street, 25th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

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